

August, Charlie Boineau of Richland was elected the first Republican legislator of the Twentieth Century and the next year, State Rep. Floyd Spence was the first party switch ever leading in 1994 to David Wilkins elected the first Republican Speaker in the South. In 2010 all nine Republican statewide candidates were elected with the Governor being the first female in 341 years and only the second Indian American in national history. Seven out of eight federal officials are now Republicans.

Encouraging the extraordinary change are transplants from the Northeast and Midwest who have relocated for a milder climate and lower taxes.

In conclusion, God Bless our Troops and we will never forget September 11th in the Global War on Terrorism.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE GREATER
BEULAH BAPTIST CHURCH'S
108TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. SANFORD D. BISHOP, JR.

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 18, 2011

Mr. BISHOP of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, It is my pleasure and honor to extend my sincere congratulations to the congregation of the Greater Beulah Baptist Church in Columbus, as the church's membership and leadership celebrates 108 years of providing spiritual guidance, moral counseling and dedicated community service to the residents of Muscogee County, Georgia. The congregation of Greater Beulah Baptist Church will celebrate their 108th anniversary on Sunday, November 20, 2011 at service ceremonies on the church's campus at 631 Sixth Avenue in Columbus, Georgia.

This upcoming anniversary ceremony will enable church members, local religious leaders, elected officials and other individuals throughout the Columbus, Georgia metropolitan area to pay tribute to the members of Greater Beulah Baptist Church who have positively contributed to the spiritual maturation and personal development of those in the Columbus, Georgia metropolitan area and beyond.

As one of Columbus, Georgia's long-standing institutions of Christian excellence, the Greater Beulah Baptist Church traces its historical roots back to 1903.

Throughout the last two centuries, the church's edifice has gone through numerous transformations, renovations and relocations. In the early 20th century, the church was located in a one-bedroom house on the corner of Dry Avenue and 12th Street. In 1904, the church relocated to a red church building on Magnolia Street and in the late 1940s, the church was reconstructed before moving to 6th Avenue.

Over the years the church has expanded its external and internal outreach efforts through the establishment of a Senior Choir; Gospel Choir; Junior Choir; Inspirational & Mass Choirs; Chester Medley Hayes Young Adult Choir; Golden Age Ministry; Layman Ministry; Prayer and Praise Team; Intercessory Prayer Ministry; Women Outreach Ministry; Greater Beulah Women Inreach Ministry; and Children's Church.

Over the years, the Greater Beulah Baptist Church has remained a dedicated community leader and supporter of projects that have assisted individuals in need. The church's Evangelistic Committee and Catherine Gordon Scholarship Fund have helped to advance educational charitable opportunities for students throughout Muscogee County, Georgia.

Mr. Speaker, today I ask my colleagues to join me in paying tribute to the Greater Beulah Baptist Church in Columbus, Georgia for all the many things this church's members have done and will continue to do to positively impact the lives of those seeking spiritual guidance and in need of charitable assistance.

CELEBRATING THE 100TH
BIRTHDAY OF MS. SARAH BOYD

HON. CHARLES B. RANGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 18, 2011

Mr. RANGEL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the birthday of Ms. Sarah Boyd who turns 100 years old on November 22, 2011.

Born to Sanders Aye and Annie Aye on November 22, 1911, in Eastover, South Carolina, Ms. Boyd is the youngest of her four siblings, two brothers, and two sisters. She received her education from The Weber School in Eastover, South Carolina and lived in the city of Columbia, South Carolina where she met and married Ernest Boyd. In 1945, they moved to my Congressional District in Harlem, New York where she has remained ever since.

Nicknamed "Doll", it is remarkable to imagine all that she has been able to witness during her remarkable life. When she was born, the 27th President William H. Taft was in office and Jim Crow Laws ruled the land. She lived through the Civil Rights Movement during the Sixties and saw President Barak Obama elected as 44th President of the United States of America. She has seen our great nation in times of peace and in times of wars. She has lived through the Great Depression, and has been part of our country's strength and resolve during this past century. Let us look to her today for inspiration as we face many challenges.

A couple of her anecdotes are: "Make sure to get plenty of rest" and "Don't eat meat a few hours before going bed." But most of all, she often says: "God is Good" and "He will make a way! If you take one step, God will take two."

Mr. Speaker, I am proud to honor such an extraordinary member of our community on her 100th birthday. I wish Ms. Sarah "Doll" Boyd, as well her daughter Annie, son-in-law Levi Carter, four grandchildren, five great grandchildren and twin great, great granddaughters many more joyous days.

RECOGNIZING NOVEMBER 15 AS
AMERICA RECYCLES DAY

HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 18, 2011

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize, along with my col-

league, Rep. GEOFF DAVIS, the date of November 15 as America Recycles Day, an annual event intended to raise awareness and promote the social, environmental, and economic benefits of recycling and purchasing products made from recycled materials.

I also wish to highlight the automotive recycling industry, which reduces our need for already scarce landfill space, and makes important strides toward preserving precious natural resources. During the recycling process, more than 80 percent of an entire automobile by weight can be reused, remanufactured or recycled. This process saves an estimated 85 million barrels of oil, which would have otherwise been used in the manufacturing of new or replacement parts.

In addition, the automotive recycling industry employs more than 108,000 workers throughout the United States. A majority of the businesses in this industry are small, and in many cases are owned and operated by families.

The Automotive Recycler's Association (ARA) is an international trade association which represents businesses in an industry devoted to the removal and reuse of still-viable automotive parts, and to the safe disposal of inoperable motor vehicles. Our Nation owes a great debt to the 4,500 automotive recycling facilities represented by the ARA, which help to recycle more than 11 million retired vehicles each year. ARA also serves as a regulatory body, utilizing a program that ensures each automotive recycling facility meets specific business, environmental, safety and licensing standards.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in recognizing the annual occurrence of America Recycles Day, and in my commendation of the automotive recycling industry for all that it does to protect our environment.

HONORING TIMOTHY AARON
MASON

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 18, 2011

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Timothy Aaron Mason. Timothy is a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 247, and earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Timothy has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. Over the many years Timothy has been involved with scouting, he has not only earned numerous merit badges, but also the respect of his family, peers, and community. Most notably, Timothy has contributed to his community through his Eagle Scout project.

Mr. Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Timothy Aaron Mason for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

EXTENSION OF PORT SECURITY GRANT PROGRAM THROUGH 2015

HON. JANICE HAHN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 18, 2011

Ms. HAHN. Mr. Speaker, each day, U.S. ports move both imports and exports totaling some \$3.8 billion worth of goods through all 50 States. Additionally, ports move 99.4 percent of overseas cargo volume by weight and generate \$3.95 trillion in international trade. Given the importance of ports to our national economy, they must remain competitive and secure.

Thus, we must remain vigilant and make sure we are giving States the resources necessary, so they can address the constant security threats that continue to loom at our Nation's ports. Whether its scanning foreign cargo for nuclear material or patrolling essential waterways, port security has become increasingly important as we expand into a 21st century global economy. However, funding for these efforts continue to be a challenge as maritime security continue to expand and broaden with ever-evolving threats. Additionally, the economic downturn has forced cash-strapped States to cut funding for these vital security initiatives.

That is why I am introducing the Port Security Grant Act, which will extend the Port Security Grant Program through 2015. The Port Security Grant Program addresses these problems by allowing States to receive the Federal funding they need in order to secure their vital ports of entry. The program provides up to \$400 million for states to train personnel, expand port recovery and resiliency capabilities, and increase their capacity to detect, respond to, and recover from attacks involving explosive devices.

However, Congress has failed to extend this vital program beyond 2015. By not extending this program, we risk compromising the critical progress that has been made in port security and increasing the overall risk.

By passing this bill, we will ensure that States continue to receive the funding they need in order to protect our Nation's gateways to the rest of the world.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JUDY BIGGERT

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 18, 2011

Mrs. BIGGERT. Mr. Speaker, on rollcall No. 854, I was unavoidably detained. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea."

ACKNOWLEDGING WORLD REMEMBRANCE DAY 2011

HON. DAN BURTON

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 18, 2011

Mr. BURTON of Indiana. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to take a moment to pay my respects to road traffic victims in honor of World Remem-

brance Day, this Sunday, November 20th. Since 1993, this special Remembrance Day responds to the great need that road crash victims and their loved ones harbor for public recognition of their loss and pain.

The sense of grief and distress of this large group of people is all the greater because many of the victims are young and many of the crashes could have been prevented. The response to road death and injury is often experienced as inadequate, cruelly unsympathetic, and inappropriate to a loss of life or quality of life. In 2005, the United Nations took it global, endorsing it to be the third Sunday in November each year, encouraging NGOs, such as the Association for Safe International Road Travel to commemorate this day.

I am proud to say, this past July, Indiana became the 32nd state to ban texting while behind the wheel. On May 11, Gov. Mitch Daniels signed the legislation which became effective July 1, 2011. Distraction is still a factor in too many serious crashes, and the new law is a small step to help make Indiana roads safer—and a small initiative which I hope will inspire road safety initiatives worldwide.

It is estimated that 1.3 million people die in road crashes each year. Unless action is taken, road traffic injuries are predicted to become the fifth leading cause of death by 2030.

It is my hope that recognizing Remembrance Day will signal the importance the issue of reducing road danger to government.

GLOBAL ENTREPRENEURSHIP WEEK

HON. EMANUEL CLEAVER

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 18, 2011

Mr. CLEAVER. Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of Global Entrepreneurship Week, a celebration of the innovators and job creators who launch new companies. These innovators bring forth new ideas, drive economic growth and expand human welfare. This year, I am pleased to announce that Global Entrepreneurship Week, supported by the Ewing Marion Kauffman Foundation in my district, will be celebrated in 123 different countries, directly engaging more than seven million participants.

During this week each November, Global Entrepreneurship Week inspires Americans from all walks of life through local, national and global activities designed to help them explore their potential as self-starters and imaginative innovators. These activities, from large-scale competitions to intimate networking gatherings, connect participants to potential collaborators, mentors and even investors—introducing them to new possibilities and exciting opportunities.

But G.E.W. is more than just an awareness campaign supported by world leaders and celebrity entrepreneurs. It is a rallying cry, calling us to unleash ideas and bring them to life—recognizing opportunities, taking risks, solving problems, being creative, building connections and learning from both failure and success. It is about challenging young people to think big and to make an impact on the world.

Entrepreneurs do three things—they advance innovation, build wealth for society, and create jobs. In fact, research from the Kauffman Foundation shows that almost all

net new jobs in the United States over the past 25 years have come from firms less than five years old. It's not surprising that policymakers are looking to reinvest their economies by focusing on ways to stimulate new firm formation.

I invite my colleagues to take part in Global Entrepreneurship Week in your community. Support the innovators and engage the entrepreneurs that are a driving economic force in each of our districts. Together, we can encourage and empower aspiring and existing entrepreneurs to unleash their ideas and create the startups of the future that will change our country forever.

A TRIBUTE TO DR. BOBBY MUKKAMALA

HON. DALE E. KILDEE

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 18, 2011

Mr. KILDEE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to extend congratulations to Dr. S. Bobby Mukkamala as he completes his term as the youngest president of the Genesee County Medical Society.

Bobby and his family have dedicated their lives to providing health care to our community. His parents, his wife, his sister and brother-in-law are all physicians. Bobby fondly remembers playing as a child on the grounds of Hurley Medical Center while his mother, Dr. Sumathi Mukkamala made her hospital rounds. The twin sons of Bobby and his wife Dr. Nita Kulkarni, Nikhil and Deven, play today on that same playground while they wait for their parents to finish rounds.

Despite his young age, Dr. Mukkamala has extensive leadership experience. Bobby served on the Michigan State Medical Society Board as Young Physicians Section Chair in 2002 and was elected as a District Director to the Board earlier this year. Governor Jennifer Granholm appointed Bobby to the Board of Audiology for the State of Michigan. In 2008, Bobby received the American Medical Association Foundation Leadership Award.

Dr. Mukkamala was tapped in October of 2010 to serve as President of the Genesee County Medical Society where in his tenure he dramatically increased membership while encouraging his colleagues to focus on the many diverse needs of the Flint community. This was a realization of his dream to serve as President as his father, Dr. AppaRao Mukkamala, did in 1994. His commitment is best illustrated by the scholarship that was created by Bobby and his wife Nita at the University of Michigan-Flint and the endowment fund they established for the Community Foundation of Greater Flint.

Mr. Speaker, I find Dr. Mukkamala's dedication and leadership in the community a great inspiration and I am a better person for knowing him. That is why I ask You to please join me in congratulating Dr. Mukkamala on his many accomplishments as President of the Genesee County Medical Society. We graciously thank him for the leadership and vision he continues to bring to our community.